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**(54) AV EQUIPMENT AND CARD**

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To easily expand the function of an electronic equipment at low cost within a saved space by expanding the function corresponding to a signal read out of the card which can optically transmit/receive signals.

CONSTITUTION: A VCR(video cassette recorder) 7 is provided with a slot 6, and a card 13 for expanding the function can be mounted at the slot 6 as needed. A phototransistor 17 on the side of the card 13 and an LED on the side of the VCR 7 or an LED 16 on the side of the card 13 and a phototransistor on the VCR side are fitted so as to be faced each other when the card 13 is mounted at the slot 6. The program of the mounted card 13 is loaded to a RAM but the various functions can be expanded by changing this program (the card 13). Thus, when the card 13 is mounted at the slot 6 and the signal is optically exchanged, a CPU executes the new function corresponding to the signal stored in this card 13.

